

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 5-12, 14, and 16-22 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 2, 4, 13 and 15 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 1, 6, 10, 12 and 21 are amended. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Entry of this Amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 as the amendments: (a) place the application in condition for allowance, by incorporating the subject matter of the allowable claims; (b) do not present any new issues that would require further consideration and/or search as the amendments incorporate the subject matter of the allowed claims; (c) do not present any new claims without canceling a corresponding number of claims; (d) satisfy a requirement of form by overcoming the objection to claim 6; and (e) place the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. The amendments are necessary and were not presented earlier as they are in response to the new grounds of rejection entered in the final Office Action. Entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Figure 1 was objected to. The objection is respectfully traversed.

As disclosed, for example, on page 6, line 23, Figure 1 depicts a lithographic projection apparatus according to the present invention.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to Figure 1 are respectfully requested.

Claims 2, 6 and 13 were objected to. Claims 2 and 13 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, thus rendering moot their objection. With respect to claim 6, the feature of the mounting device configured to actuate the projection device in at least one degree of freedom is clearly not recited in claim 1, and the claim is clearly thus further limited. Claim 6 has also been amended to clarify that the projection device is actuated in at least one degree of freedom. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to claim 6 are respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 4 and 15 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. By this amendment, claims 1 and 12 have been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claims 4 and 15. Accordingly, claims 1 and 12, and dependent claims 3, 5-9 and 14, 16-20, respectively, are allowable.

Claims 10 and 21 have been amended to recite that adjusting the position of the projection device and at least one of the first object and the second object comprises wherein the adjusting comprises adjusting the position of at least one of the first object and the second

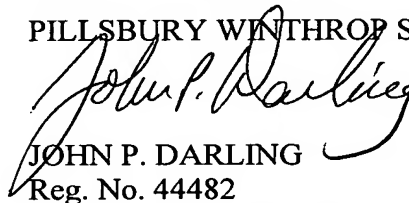
object based on the measured spatial orientation of the projection device in a first frequency range; and adjusting the spatial orientation of the projection device based on the measured spatial orientation of the projection device in a second frequency range. It is respectfully submitted that as Ota does not disclose or suggest a processing unit configured to adjust the position of at least one of the first object and the second object based on the measured spatial orientation of the projection device in a first frequency range; and adjust the spatial orientation of the projection device based on the measured spatial orientation of the projection device in a second frequency range, Ota does not disclose or suggest the adjusting recited in claims 10 and 21.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all the claims are allowable and that the entire application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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